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SUBJECT: NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE: FRG PRESSURE FOR FULL
PARTICIPATION

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1. WE DISCUSSED VISIT OF FRG OFFICIALS TO LONDON WITH
JOHN EDMONDS ON JANUARY 23. HE REPORTED THAT GERMANS
HAD EXPRESSED HOPE THAT UK WOULD SUPPORT FULL FRG PARTICI-
PATION IN REVIEW CONFERENCE EVEN THOUGH FRG HAD NOT RA-
TIFIED.

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2. EDMONDS SAID UK OFFICIALS DID NOT ENCOURAGE GERMANS.

THE BRITISH GAVE SEVERAL REASONS:

A) SUCH A PROPOSAL WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE USSR. ALL EASTERN EUROPEANS HAVE RATIFIED SO THERE WOULD BE NO INCENTIVE FOR THE SOVIETS TO SUPPORT SUCH A FORMULA.

B) IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO MAKE A SPECIAL CASE FOR THE FRG AND NOT TO LET IN ALL OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH ARE SIGNATORIES BUT HAVE NOT RATIFIED. THIS WOULD ACTUALLY REDUCE INCENTIVE TO RATIFY ON A WORLD-WIDE SCALE. THEY POINTED OUT THAT OTHER IMPORTANT COUNTRIES IN A SIMILAR STATUS ARE JAPAN AND TURKEY.

3. THE BRITISH ADVISED THE GERMANS TO ALLOW ANOTHER MONTH OR SO FOR ITALIAN ACTION. IF THE ITALIANS HAVE MADE NO PROGRESS BY THEN, THE BRITISH SAID, THE FRG SHOULD FIND SOME WAY TO RATIFY THE NPT THEMSELVES.

4. EDMONDS SAID THAT, IN SUM, THE BRITISH RESPONSE TO FRG WAS THAT UK COULD NOT SUPPORT ANY FRG REQUEST FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION -- EVEN A PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD MAKE FRG A PARTICIPATING BUT NOT VOTING OBSERVER.

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